Idaho State Capitol Commission

Official Minutes April 25, 2003

A meeting of the Idaho State Capitol Commission was held on this date in the Senate Education Committee Room #433, 4th Floor, Statehouse. Chairman Eiguren called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendees

Members Present:

Roy Lewis Eiguren, Chairman

Pam Ahrens, Director, Department of Administration, and Secretary/Ex-Officio Member

Andrew Erstad

Steve Guerber, Director, State Historical Society, & Ex-Officio Member

Stephen Hartgen

Sandy Patano

Skip Smyser

Will Storey

Members Absent:

Carl Bianchi, Director, Legislative Services Office, and Ex-Officio Member

Others Present:

Larry Osgood, Administrator, Division of Public Works, Department of Administration Rick Thompson, Administrator, Div. of Internal Management Systems, Dept. of Administration Jan Cox, Administrator, Division of Purchasing, Department of Administration

Tim Mason, State Facilities Manager, Division of Public Works, Department of Administration Diane Blume, Management Assistant, Department of Administration

Jeff Shneider, CSHQA Architects

Jack Lemley, Lemley and Associates, Inc.

Craig Vander Vorste, 3D/International

Wayne Hoffman, Associated Press

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Erstad moved and Commissioner Guerber seconded that the minutes of the January 31, 2003 Idaho State Capitol Commission meeting be approved as written. The motion unanimously passed.

Budget and Funding Issues

Capitol Commission Fiscal Year 2004 Appropriation

Mr. Thompson explained the Commission's FY04 appropriation bill, totaling \$99,200, has legislative approval and is ready for the Governor to sign into law. As requested by the Commission, the House Appropriations Committee recently took action to transfer \$1.5 million of the Commission's unused FY03 funding to the General Fund. This has yet to be approved by the Senate.

Revenue/Expenditures

To date, Mr. Thompson continued, license plate sales total \$22,145. Long and short-term interest earned from the Capitol Income Fund, along with rent, royalties and timber sales, brings the total accrued Commission income since July 1, 2002 to \$710,262. Two transfers were made from the account--\$1.85 million from the Income Fund went to the restoration project itself, and \$6.5 million was previously transferred to the General Fund to help balance the state's FY03 budget. Thus far, the Commission has spent \$15,080 in operating expenses this fiscal year.

The Capitol Permanent Endowment Fund market value as of March 31, 2003 is about \$3.5 million, and a balance of \$3,981,192 remains available in the Capitol Endowment Income Fund.

Design/Construction

Status Report/Construction Estimate

Commissioner Erstad reported the design documents completed by CSHQA, the Commission's contracted design firm, have been updated to reflect comments offered from 3DI/Lemley and Associates, the Commission's contracted project manager. The Commission had asked that 3DI/Lemley and Associates generate a

status report on the project for Commission review. In summary, he said, the status report recognizes that design documents are complete, and it reflects 3DI/Lemley and Associate's review.

3DI/Lemley and Associates, and CSHQA started out with two independent cost estimates. Over the course of the past couple of months, he said, the estimates have been reconciled into a budget of \$64 million. Funds expended to date beyond this budget include \$1,068,000 for design services and \$1,489,411 for the exterior masonry and stairs.

The \$64 million number, he explained, reflects a 2-year escalation in price. Beyond 2 years, there are several factors that will come into play in adjusting these budget numbers upward such as code changes, accelerated deterioration in the building, additional needs, etc. Should there not be funding to proceed within the next 2 years, he continued, when the drawings are finally utilized they will require updating. Another factor affecting the budget in the future is the economy—if it is booming, bids typically come in higher.

Mr. Osgood noted the Department is planning to replace the roofs on the 2 wings of the Capitol with FY04 Permanent Building Fund moneys. This problem cannot wait due to potential interior damage should the roofs begin to leak.

With the knowledge that funding is not available to pursue the total restoration project this year, the status report identified a list of critical repairs totaling about \$3.56 million (a part of the overall \$64 million scope) which is recommended by the design team to be addressed as soon as possible. Reroof of the 2 wings (\$370,000) is part of that list.

Specifically, Mr. Shneider noted each recommended critical repair:

Complete Exterior Repair Work

\$814.366

This is the remainder of joint tuckpointing and rehabilitation of the upper portion of the building. This same type of work on floors 1 through 4 were completed last summer, he said.

Complete Exterior Stairs

\$7,396

This repair work is proposed for the north and south stairs. The east and west stairs were replaced last summer, as well.

Repair Elevated Patio Drain

\$12,596

Re-seal Perimeter of Quarry Tile at Colonnade

\$6,118

Replace Skylights

\$791,100

This larger budget item, he said, entails replacing the original antiquated steel sash skylight systems, which are located over the House and the Senate chambers and portico.

New Single-ply Roof for East and West Wings

\$370,000

This work will be accomplished this summer utilizing FY04 Permanent Building Fund moneys.

Replace Lead-CU Roofing at Colonnade

\$20,000

Upper Dome and Parapets Repair

\$753.228

These are the most deteriorated areas of the building--water enters behind the parapets and freezes, which causes spalling. One very wet and cold winter, he said, would extremely accelerate the deterioration.

Repair Area Ways

\$34,851

Extend Dome Scuppers (horizontal drains) in Exterior Repairs Estimate

Domes and Roof Lighting

\$23,529

The temporary string lights that outline the dome would be permanently replaced as part of this item.

The subtotal of all items above is \$2,833,185. With General Conditions (14.35%) at \$406,639, and Overhead and Fee (10%) at \$323,982, the grand total of the recommended critical exterior work is \$3,563,807. Mr. Shneider added he does not foresee a large inflation factor for this work if it were accomplished in the near future. There would be several contractors interested in bidding for this work at this time.

Mr. Osgood reiterated that the east and west wings will be reroofed this summer. If work is subsequently completed on the dome portion of the structure, there could be some damage made to the new lower roof; however, because it will be single ply it is patched easily. If the same company who installs the roof also patches the roof, the 15-year warrantee will not be jeopardized.

MOTION: Commissioner Erstad moved and seconded by Commissioner Smyser that staff prepare for Commission approval in July a FY05 budget request to accomplish the list of critical exterior repairs totaling about \$3.2 million (minus reroof of the 2 wings) utilizing available Capitol Income Fund moneys.

Commissioner Patano stressed it is the Commission's responsibility to assure that Idaho's treasure—our Statehouse—is well taken care of. Commissioner Guerber added it is responsible for the Commission at this time to safeguard against catastrophic deterioration by utilizing what moneys are available toward protecting our Statehouse until a time when the major restoration work can be done.

Chairman Eiguren noted that he and Commissioner Ahrens will meet with the Governor and legislative leadership to begin discussion regarding this motion.

Access Use and Administration

Commission Guideline on Public Space Use, and Guideline on Objects of Art, Memorials, Statues, and Exhibits at the Idaho State Capitol and Grounds

Commissioner Ahrens reminded the members that when these two guidelines were put into place in 1999 it was the Commission's intent to review them on a regular basis. At the next meeting she would like to consider whether or not the guidelines are working, and whether or not they provide adequate direction for requests Facilities Services receives for use of the Capitol Building as well as for requests to display items. Displays that were in place prior to adoption of the guidelines were generally not affected.

As part of their next meeting in July, the Commissioners agreed to walk through the Capitol and around its grounds to review each display and consider whether or not it should remain. Commissioner Hartgen suggested that guideline language also be proposed for consideration to deal with de-accession of displays. Additionally for the next meeting, the Commission asked Jeff Shneider to provide a presentation addressing the master plan's recommendation for long-term historical displays in the Statehouse. In the meantime, Chairman Eiguren said, Commissioners Ahrens, Guerber and Hartgen, along with Mr. Shneider and himself will identify a process the Commission might go through to address these guidelines, and he proposed that public notice be issued to solicit citizen input on the use of, and displays in and around the Statehouse.

Schedule for Upcoming Meeting

The Commission agreed the next meeting would be scheduled in early to mid July in conjunction, if possible, with a proposed visit by the architect of the U.S. Capitol.

Adjournment

